

14th December 1923]

*Report of Mr. Clegg's Committee on irrigation.*

42 Q.—Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a complaint against the adequacy of the four-inch pipe in the Gōdāvari delta;

(b) whether any attempt has hitherto been made in this connexion to meet the demands of the ryots of the area and whether the recommendations of Mr. Clegg's Committee have been given effect to in full;

(c) whether any further action has been taken in the matter; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of this Council copies of the report of Mr. Clegg's Committee and of the orders passed by Government thereon and of subsequent orders, if any?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government are aware that there is a complaint against the adequacy of the four-inch pipes in the Gōdāvari delta. To satisfy the requirements of the ryots, the Clegg Committee's recommendations have been given effect to as far as practicable. It has been considered that the re-piping should be done together with remodelling, and the matter is receiving the attention of the local officers. The Member's attention is invited to the Press Communiqué issued in February 1916.

(d) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the Clegg Committee's report on the table now.

*Irrigation of lands situated at the tail-end of long channels.*

43 Q.—Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the difficulty experienced by ryots in irrigating their lands which are situated at the tail-ends of long channels, which take off from the lower reaches of the main canals in the Gōdāvari delta;

(b) whether the Government have taken any action towards alleviating the distress complained of in this connexion; and

(c) whether any grant has been made to improve the supply in the channels so situated during the last five years?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The difficulties referred to are experienced in many of the longer channels, elsewhere as well as in the Gōdāvari delta. The cause is invariably the fact that more water than is actually required is drawn off to lands more favourably situated nearer the head of the channel. The remedy is the remodelling and re-piping of the channel, to improve the duty at which the upper part of the channel works, and thus to ensure more equitable distribution. This is usually objected to by the owners of lands under the upper part of the channel. A certain amount of work has been done and is in progress in the Gōdāvari delta in the direction indicated.